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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



TESTS SHOW IRAQ RESUMING MISSILE PROGRAM

By Steven Lee Myers

Eighteen months after U.S. and British warplanes badly damaged its missile factories, Iraq has restarted its missile program and held a series of flight tests of a short-range ballistic missile, administration and military officials said this week.

The tests, eight in all, including one on Tuesday, have involved the Al Samoud, a liquid-fueled ballistic missile that could carry conventional weapons or chemical and biological weapons that Iraq is still suspected of hiding, the officials said.

Because its range is less than 95 miles, the missile does not violate U.N. restrictions imposed on Iraqi missiles after the Persian Gulf War in 1991. But the flight tests show that production plants and research labs destroyed in four nights of airstrikes in December 1998 have been rebuilt and have resumed work, the officials said.

The testing is viewed by administration officials as evidence that Iraq is still working to perfect its ballistic missile technology, which could easily be adapted to longer-range missiles. Iraq's program has intensified fears within the Clinton administration and the Pentagon that, in the prolonged absence of international weapons inspectors, President Saddam Hussein may already be

covertly working on, though not testing, longer-range missiles. Such work would constitute a violation of the U.N. restrictions, and would confront the United States with the difficult choice of how to respond.

The United States and Britain attacked in 1998 to punish Hussein's government for halting cooperation with inspectors searching for nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and the missiles needed to use them.

Officials said the Al Samoud did not yet appear ready for deployment. They said their analysis of the tests found significant problems with the missile.



RP3 Michael McIntire prepared the altar before yesterday's Protestant worship service. (Photo by J01(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

MAJOR INDEXES SLUMPED IN 2ND QUARTER

By Robert D. Hershey Jr.

Stocks plunged in the second quarter of the year, leaving all the major indexes down for the first half as the Federal Reserve continued to try to slow the economy.

The Nasdaq composite index lost 13.3 percent in the quarter, its first loss since the third quarter of 1998. The decline left it down 2.5 percent for the first six months of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 4.3 percent in the second quarter and is now down 9.1 percent so far this year.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index slumped 2.9 percent in the quarter and closed out the first half down 1 percent.

Investors also decided that many high-tech and Internet shares were overpriced and it was time to cash in some profits, sending many issues plummeting. Amazon.com, the cyberspace retailer, closed midyear at 36 5/16 after trading as high as 106 11/16 during the Christmas season. "We clearly did deflate a good portion

of the speculative bubble called the Internet," said Ned Riley Jr., chief investment strategist at Tate Street Global Advisors in Boston.

But investment money has to go somewhere and this time the beneficiaries tended to be drug and other health-care companies, real estate investment trusts and utilities. Nevertheless, the quarter's biggest Nasdaq stars were technology companies, led by the Ixys Corp., a semiconductor company based in Santa Clara, Calif. With a 3 3/8 point surge to 53 3/8, the stock nearly quadrupled from its March 31 price of 13 9/16.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 88.88 points, or 2.3 percent, to 3,966.11, after dropping 1.6 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 12.21 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,454.60. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 49.85 points, or 0.5 percent, to 10,447.89.

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* MONDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE *

CHANNEL 2

1030 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
1100 BATMAN & ROBIN
1630 HERCULES: LEGENDARY JOURNEY
1730 JEOPARDY
1800 STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE
1900 LAW & ORDER
2000 DEVIL'S ARITHMETIC
2200 SNAKE EYES

CHANNEL 6

1030 DREW CAREY
1100 THE ODD COUPLE II
1630 KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE
1805 FULL METAL JACKET
2000 GREEN MILE

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

SPORTS

METS STAGE AMAZING COMEBACK

By Associated Press

Shea Stadium rocked Friday night, and John Rocker had nothing to do with it. Mike Piazza capped a 10-run, eighth-inning comeback with a tiebreaking, three-run homer off Terry Mulholland, and the New York Mets stunned the Atlanta Braves 11-8.

John Rocker, the controversial reliever who has become New York's No. 1 villain, remained in the bullpen as Kevin Millwood handed a lead to Atlanta's bullpen, only to watch Don Wengert, Kerry Ligtenberg and Mulholland (8-7) fritter it away, forcing in three runs with bases-loaded walks.

A sellout crowd of 52,831 filled Shea Stadium on Fireworks Night, but the sparks were created by the Mets.

The 10 runs matched the most ever scored in an inning by the Mets, and nine were driven in with two outs. The comeback from an 8-1 deficit was the second-largest in club history.

OTHER NL SCORES:

Florida	5	Montreal	4
Pittsburgh	8	Philadelphia	3

AL SCORES:

Minnesota	7	Cleveland	2
Tampa Bay	6	N.Y. Yankees	4
Baltimore	8	Toronto	3
Detroit	3	Kansas City	1

MARTIN COLLAPSES TO AGASSI IN FIFTH SET AT WIMBLEDON

By Selena Roberts

In an unnerving fifth-set slide toward extinction against the unassuming but unrelenting Todd Martin, Andre Agassi plunged into a 2-5 chasm. But on his way to saving two match points, Agassi came to rely on Martin's demons to aid his tense and improbable 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 10-8 escape on the fifth day of Wimbledon.

The second-seeded Agassi watched his American counterpart lose his nerve on returns, try too much on second serves and begin missing forehand volleys. It was like 1996 again, when in the semifinals at Wimbledon, Martin failed to close out MaliVai Washington after taking a 5-1 lead in the fifth and final set only to lose by what is now the hauntingly familiar score of 10-8.

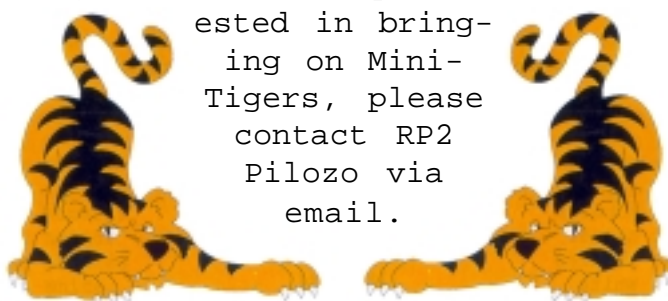
The 3-hour-47-minute match that was suspended by rain after three sets and one game of play Thursday night finally ended Friday after a 70-minute fifth set.

MINI-TIGER CRUISE NOTE

The ship will have a Mini-Tiger Cruise from 23 to 24 of July.

Mini-Tigers will embark the ship via LCU's out of Camp Pendleton on the 23rd and will ride the ship to San Diego. The same eligibility requirements for our extended Tiger cruise apply to the Mini-Tiger cruise. If you are inter-

ested in bringing on Mini-Tigers, please contact RP2 Piloza via email.



CONGRATULATIONS

ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST

ET1 Vance W. Watson
IS1 Michael V. Holler
BM3 Ivan Martin, BMU-1
CTR3 Edwin Soto



Revolutionary Gator Of The Day



ET3 (SW/AW) EMILIO BALBOA
Combat Systems Department,
CE Division

Hometown: Lyford, Texas

Qualifications: Assistant Work
Center Supervisor responsible for
the maintenance of the AN/SPS-73,

AN/SPS-67(V)1, AN/SPA-25G, WRN-6,
AN/SPS-49(V)5, and various other
Navigational and Meteorological
equipment.

Petty Officer Balboa is a pacesetter that consistently produces outstanding results in all endeavors. Courteous and professional, he is well respected by his peers and seniors alike. He exhibited unmatched initiative in his department by earning both ESWS and EAWS qualifications as a Third Class.

A hard-charger, he takes his job seriously. Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, he spearheaded efforts for resurfacing the Motor Generator Armature for the AN/SPS-49(V)5 Air Search Radar, normally a depot level repair. He expertly dismantled, cleaned and polished the armature, saving the command over \$18,000 in material costs and ensuring the ship maintained its operational readiness. Additionally, Petty Officer Balboa superbly manages divisional RPPPO responsibilities for 10 work centers.



Yesterday, BM3 Luke Woodin (left) and BM3 Jason Williams painted the the starboard troop walkway while IC1(AW) Lee Messenger fixed a videotape player in CCTV. (Photos by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)